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PERMONT BEARS GOVERNOR.

MAKING VISITS TOWNS IN SPARTANBURG.

Chief Executive Tells People of Success of His Administration—Spends Day—Oration at Inman.

Spartanburg, June 5.—Gov. R. L. Manning was given an ovation at Inman this morning, where he delivered the first speech of his up-State tour. The governor's speech was devoted mainly to outlining the work accomplished by the administration during the past two years, especially in reference to law enforcement in Charleston county, and the work in connection with the improvements of the State Hospital for the Insane at Columbia.

The governor arrived in the city this morning at 10:30 o'clock and after greeting a number of his supporters at the station, he left immediately in an automobile for Inman, where the first address of the day was delivered. Short addresses were also delivered at Gramling, Camden, Landrum, Coggins' store, Tazewell, Chester. The governor delivered the concluding speech of the tour at Columbia tonight at 8 o'clock.

The governor was accompanied on his trip today by W. C. McChesney, E. P. Farmer, H. T. Caldwell, C. G. Pearson, J. M. Brown, L. W. Harris and Albert B. Paul, candidate for railroad commissioner.

Tomorrow morning at 11:00 o'clock the governor will deliver an address before the home economics institute being held at Columbia college under the supervision of Miss Lela Davis, head of the home economics work for Spartanburg county. More than 50 women and girls from all over the county have been taking a special three days course in home economics in home economics, the sessions for which were provided by the Spartanburg women, each contributing \$1.

RAGSDALE CLEAR OF CHARGES

COURT DISMISSES RULE AGAINST CONGRESSMAN.

Throws Out Case Before Attorneys for South Carolina Complete Their Plea.

Washington, June 5.—Justice McCoy, presiding in the District supreme court, today dismissed the rule which was issued by him two weeks ago against J. W. Ragsdale of the Sixth South Carolina district, ordering him to appear in court and state what had become of certain notes which some months ago were sent him for collection by the Free Sewing Machine company against parties in South Carolina.

When the case was taken up the machine people desired to have the case continued but, on motion of Douglas, Ruffin & Osborn, attorneys for Mr. Ragsdale, this was not done and before they had completed reading their answer to the complaint Justice McCoy ordered that the case be dismissed.

It was shown that all the money involved in the case, about \$1,600, had been collected by the sewing machine company and the purpose of the action against Mr. Ragsdale was to get the notes in hand. Mr. Ragsdale's answer that they had been unintentionally mislaid or lost was entirely sufficient, hence the dismissal by Justice McCoy.

Today's action a complete exoneration of any carelessness or negligence on the part of Mr. Ragsdale and the fact that the case was dismissed before his attorneys had finished reading their answer indicates that there was no case upon which to bring action against the South Carolina congressman.

Mr. Ragsdale has accepted an invitation to address the rural letter carriers of South Carolina at Columbia July 3 and 4.

A WAY TO SHOW PATRIOTISM.

People of Sumter Asked to Entertain Young Ladies of County.

From the Daily Item, June 3.

The three-day short course in domestic science which has for its main object the instructions about how to make the homes more economical, efficient and beautiful, and which line of work in the long run makes the rural homes more attractive and contributes to the health, contentment, happiness and prosperity of the nation, has been endorsed by Sumter's business men on several occasions of late.

One Sumter business establishment, Harby & Co. Incorporated, is so much impressed with this three-day course, June 14th, 15th, 16th, that Mr. A. C. Phelps, the general manager, authorized the Chamber of Commerce to pay Miss Lemmon one hundred dollars towards the prizes and other expenses, and to draw on Harby & Co. for this amount.

But the people of Sumter have an opportunity of exhibiting in another substantial and pleasant way their friendship for the girls of the canning and tomato clubs who will be in Sumter June 14th, 15th, 16th, as the guests of Sumter, by throwing open their homes to these young lady visitors.

Mrs. Nina Solomons, president of Sumter Civic League, Dr. J. H. Haynsworth, county Superintendent of Education and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce through its office force, are the members of the local committee on hospitality charged with the duty of securing places of entertainment for about one hundred of these visiting young ladies. Time is short and those who will entertain are urged to phone or write Mrs. Solomons or Secretary Reardon without further delay so that an index record of homes provided may be made up and assignments of homes made for the visitors.

The Committee on Hospitality. Mrs. Nina Solomons, President Sumter Civic League, Chairman; Mrs. Wesley A. Brown, Assistant Secretary Sumter Chamber of Commerce; Dr. J. H. Haynsworth, County Superintendent of Education; E. I. Reardon, Managing Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Solomons will appoint other committees to cooperate in this great work and in the entertainment of the visitors, and to assist Miss Lemmon in the three-day course of instruction.

Sumter is planning a lot of street paving and the argument has arisen over the saving of trees. Many cities in the country think as much of their trees as they do of their paving, notably in the plains cities of the middle west.—Columbia Record.

MANY DEAD IN SEA FIGHT.

London Estimates Dead at Eight Thousand on Both Sides.

Denies Loss of Warspite and Marlborough, as Claimed by Germans, but Admits Sinking of Invincible. Germany Rejoices at Naval Victory.

London, June 3.—That the British destroyer Shark and the German cruiser Eibing were lost in the naval battle was established. The loss of life is estimated at from five to eight thousand. The British admiral denies the destruction of the British battleships Warspite and Marlborough, as Germany claimed. The Germans do not claim they destroyed the Invincible, whose loss the British admit. Probably the Germans had mistaken the Invincible for the Warspite.

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED IN SEA FIGHT.

Vessel Set Afire by British Guns and Crew Perished off Danish Coast.

Copenhagen, June 3.—A Zeppelin was destroyed in the naval battle and the crew perished. Fishermen arriving to lend assistance declared that they saw the airship set afire by British shells and destroyed forty miles off the Thyrdorden coast.

HOLIDAY IN BERLIN.

Flags Dock Buildings and Schools Turn out for Parade of Triumph at Naval Victory.

Berlin, June 3.—All Germany is rejoicing over the great naval victory over the British fleet. The city is flag-bedecked and the school children were given holiday to participate in a

triumphal procession through the streets. Thanksgiving services are being held in the churches. Vice Admiral Scer's picture is displayed everywhere. The fleet's activity is believed to be the result of the Kaiser's visit to Wilhelmshaven.

HUNDREDS OF BODIES SEEN.

Danish Fishermen Report Seeing Floating Bodies—Six Zeppelins in Battle.

London, June 3.—Six Zeppelins were in the air fleet participating in the sea fight, according to mail advices from Copenhagen. Fishermen arriving at Esbjerg report seeing outside of Blaavands Huk hundreds of bodies of British and German sailors. The fishermen observed large quantities of oil on the surface, apparently from the submarines.

125 SHIPS ENGAGED.

Zeppelins Aid Battleships in Fight in North Sea.

London, June 3.—A hundred and twenty-five warships of various classes, including Zeppelins, were engaged in the great naval battle. The destruction of three battle cruisers by the Germans has revived the reports that monster seventeen inch guns are being installed upon the German ships.

ROOSEVELT MEN PUSHING HARD.

STRIVING THEIR BEST TO FORCE HIS NOMINATION.

Chicago, June 3.—In an eleventh hour fight for Roosevelt, including a probable hurrah visit here by the colonel, in an effort to force his nomination by the Republicans his nomination has been planned by the Roosevelt men. Several conferences have been held between managers of avowed candidates and the Progressive leaders, but no direct offer or a bargain has thus far been made. The Hughes movement was at a standstill today, but it will be rejuvenated tomorrow with Gov. Whitman's arrival. Efforts of the "favorite son" and Roosevelt boomers to eliminate Hughes from the race on Hughes' declaration that neither Hitchcock nor anyone else represented him here has helped instead of hurting Hughes movement. It is understood that Gov. Whitman, when he gets here, will assure all delegates that Hughes will accept the nomination if tendered.

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DIES FROM POISON.

Young Saluda Woman Takes Own Life.

Saluda, June 2.—On Sunday night Miss Claude Lorick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lorick, of the Clyde section of this county, committed suicide by taking a dose of poison. She took the poison about 11 o'clock and died shortly afterward. She was 26 years of age. A physician who was hastily summoned failed to reach her before death.

The cause is unknown. She was very popular in her community and her death is the cause of much sadness. She leaves her father and mother and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral services and interment took place at Clyde chapel Monday afternoon in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

DESECRATED THE FLAG.

Social Revolution Leader Severely Punished for Burning American Flag.

New York, June 2.—Bouckwhite, the leader of the church of the social revolution was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment and fined one hundred dollars for desecrating an American flag by burning it last night.

Baltimore, June 3.—Commander Symington's relatives have received a cablegram from him in London stating that he is safe.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

GEN. FUNSTON REPORTS CONFERENCE AT COLONIA, DUBLAN, AMICABLE.

Says Carranza Will Help Capture Bandits—Reported That Bandits Robbed American Consulate in Peru—To Ascertain if American Naval Attache is Safe—To Investigate Report That Peruvian Strikers Have Killed Americans and British.

Washington, June 3.—Gen. Funston has reported that the conference at Colonia, Dublin, between Gen. Pershing and Gavira ended yesterday afternoon. Secretary Baker commended the conference as amicable and showed an entire spirit of cooperation.

Minister Russell of Santo Domingo reported to the State department that bandits had robbed the American consulate at Eupurapata and American marines have landed there. All is quiet now.

Minister McMillin to Peru has been asked by the State department to investigate immediately the reports that Americans and British were killed by strikers at Talara, Peru.

STATE FIREMEN'S MEET.

State Association in Session Three Days, June 20 to 22, at Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, June 1.—With only a short time left in which to complete the preparations for the entertainment of the South Carolina Firemen's Conveintion, which takes place in this city June 20-22, the various committees are at work arranging their parts. Nothing is being left undone to make the event a marked success and an invaluable advertisement for the city of Orangeburg. Attractive posters have been sent to every town having a fire department in the State, and the local committees are receiving the hearty co-operation of the whole association. The track is being put in shape, and the erection of the grandstands will soon begin.

THROWN AGAINST SAW.

M. G. Mason of Inman Fatally Injured

Spartanburg, June 1.—M. G. Mason, 34 years old, an employe of a saw mill near Inman, this county, was fatally injured yesterday morning by being thrown against the saw while trying to remove a piece of timber that had become fastened in the log carrier. Both of Mason's arms were cut off, one leg was almost cut in two, the other leg was severely cut and there were many cuts about the head and face. Mason lived for several hours after the accident, but died while on the way to a hospital.

HUGHES LEADING CANDIDATE.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LOOMS UP IN CHICAGO.

Unless a Combination is Formed Against Him He Will be the Presidential Nominee of the Republican Party.

Chicago, June 5.—A conference to settle the identity of the Republican presidential candidate has begun, with the "old guard" in actual control. Delegates poured in on all trains today, the State delegations arriving including Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, South Dakota, Minnesota, California, Idaho, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina. Hughes loomed up today more prominently as the leading candidate. Unless a combination is arranged against him, Hughes will have two hundred votes on the initial ballot. "Favorite son" managers admitted today that in such event he is certain to be the nominee. The Oregon delegation, which is pledged to Hughes candidacy, have arranged a conference of all Hughes supporters. The sentiment of Southern delegates, practically all of whom are uninstructed, was that they would await developments before declaring for any candidates. The belief is strong that Roosevelt will come here.

Hughes Wont Talk.

Washington, June 5.—Justice Hughes, through his secretary, today authorized the statement that he will make no further comment on the boom for his nomination. "There will be no further statement of any kind," Secretary Green said today.

METHODISTS TO START CAMPAIGN.

To aid Wofford, Lander and Columbia Colleges—Will Make Plans Today.

Columbia, June 1.—The educational committee created by the Methodist Conferences in South Carolina will meet in Spartanburg tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to consider plans for launching a campaign to raise an endowment fund of \$300,000, one-half of which will go to Wofford College, \$75,000 to Lander College, at Greenwood, and \$75,000 to Columbia College.

It is likely that a thirty or sixty-day campaign will be decided on. The committee is composed of the presidents of the three colleges named, the chairmen of their boards of trustees, and the chairmen of the educational committees, about ten men in all.

The idea, it is stated, is to have the presiding elders take charge of the campaign in their districts and work through the pastors of the churches, of which there are some 400, and in this way to carry the campaign into every home.

WILL LEAVE MANNING.

Rev. J. A. Ansley Accepts Florida Call.

Manning, June 2.—The Rev. J. A. Ansley, for the past three years pastor of the Manning Baptist church, has tendered his resignation to take effect the last of this month, he having accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Ansley's pastoral work in Manning has been highly successful and acceptable. The friends he has made here are not limited to his congregation or his denomination, for every one that knows him is his friend. Great regret will be felt at his departure from Manning but all the people will heartily wish for him abundant success in his new field.

PERSHING WARNS GAVIRA.

Things at Breaking Point in Mexico—Pershing May Have to Fight.

El Paso, June 2.—Gen. Pershing has served notice on Gen. Gavira that Mexican soldiers must not approach within gun range of the American line of communications. It is understood that Gen. Pershing also demanded that Mexicans cease attacking his army transports.

MR. WHALEY IN THE CHAIR.

Presides Over National House With Dignity and Poise.

Washington, June 1.—Congressman Whaley was called to the chair this afternoon by Speaker Clark during consideration of the naval appropriation bill, and presided over the house with dignity and poise. South Carolina representatives remarked that "Speaker Whaley" seemed quite natural, in view of the Charleston congressman's four years' service as speaker of the State house of representatives.

TO ENFORCE ANTI-TIPPING.

WATSON WILL ACT UNDER OPINION BY PEEPLES.

T. P. A. Members Charge Violations of Measure—Agricultural Inspectors Have Full Power.

Columbia, June 3.—Inspectors of the State department of agriculture will be instructed to strictly enforce the anti-tipping act which was passed by the 1915 session of the general assembly. No provision was made for the enforcement of the law.

Recently members of the T. P. A. made complaint to A. E. Hill, solicitor, as to violations of the law. Solicitor Hill took the matter up with Commissioner Watson and also asked for an opinion from the attorney general as to the right of the inspectors to enforce the anti-tipping law. Acting attorney general Commissioner Watson stated that the law will be enforced.

The following is the opinion of the attorney general which was given upon request of Solicitor Hill: "I have read a copy of your letter of May 28th to the Hon. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries, with reference to the enforcement of the anti-tipping law, passed by the general assembly in 1915, and, in reference thereto I beg to say that the duties and authority imposed upon the above named commissioner are broad enough to justify him in requiring the inspectors employed by him to report and prosecute violations of the above law.

"While this duty is not specifically imposed upon the department of agriculture, commerce and industries, all law officers are charged with seeing to the enforcement of the laws and it would not be beyond the power of the commissioner to require the inspectors to look after this matter."

HYDE MUST ENFORCE LAW.

GOVERNOR MANNING CHARLESTON TO ITS LOCAL OFFICERS.

Executive is Pleased with Efforts Which Have Been Made to Observe Prohibition Acts—Liquor Consignments in County and Governor Commend With Martin.

Columbia, June 3.—Announcement was made at the governor's office yesterday that the State constables are to be withdrawn from the city of Charleston. The announcement followed a conference in Charleston between Gov. Manning and Sheriff Martin and Mayor Tristram T. Hyde, when the question of enforcing the prohibition law was discussed. Several constables will be maintained in Charleston county and on the outer front.

"I am well pleased with the efforts of the city officials and the result of their work is apparent," said Gov. Manning in discussing the matter. "A sufficient number of constables will be kept on duty to assist Sheriff Martin in the county. The enforcement of law will continue with unabated vigor. There will be no let up, but where the local officials are able to handle the situation I shall not interfere. My desire and determination is to see that the laws are enforced."

Gov. Manning said that the people of Charleston are supporting their officials in their efforts to enforce law. Gov. Manning was well pleased with the cordial reception he received while in Charleston. He was especially gratified with the progress of the Medical college.

NEW COUNTY ACT VALID.

Catawba Case Will be Submitted to Supreme Tribunal on Saturday.

Chester, June 1.—Judge Ernest Moore of Lancaster, to whom the supreme court referred the proceeding brought by Septimus Massey et al, to restrain the Catawba county commission from ordering a survey and contracting other expense in connection with the new county on the ground that the "ill-shaped county" act clearly prohibits a county of such shape and the survey would be unwarranted and unnecessary, handed down a decree yesterday in which he sustained the attorneys representing the old counties and declared the act of the legislature under attack to be sound law and not in conflict with the constitution. The case will now be taken to the supreme court on appeal, and will be submitted to that tribunal Saturday.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

Attacks Repulsed at Fort Vaux and Verdun.

Paris, June 3.—Throughout the night the Germans continued launching assaults against the French positions at Fort Vaux. Their attacks were repulsed. The Germans have occupied a ditch near the fort. The Germans for thirty-six hours have been hurling troops against the French positions northeast of Verdun. German attacks against Fort Vaux and adjoining positions were carried out by a hundred thousand men.

BRITISH SUBMARINE ACTIVE.

Three German Steamers Torpedoed Without Warning.

Berlin, June 3.—Three German steamers were torpedoed without warning off the Swedish coast. An English submarine torpedoed the ships.

German Cruiser and Crew Lost.

Berlin, June 3.—The German cruiser Frauenlob has been given up as lost with its crew and materials.

British Steamer Sunk.

London, June 3.—The British steamer Gaisconda has been torpedoed and four of the crew are missing.

British Ship Submerged.

London, June 3.—The British steamship Elm Grove has been sunk by a submarine. The vessel was unarmed.

FORCE TO STAY IN MEXICO.

Probably Will Remain at Least Two Months, Judging by Shipments of Supplies.

El Paso, June 3.—Extensive shipments of supplies to the American forces are considered conclusive evidence that the troops will be maintained in Mexico for at least two months.

GREEK TROOPS FIGHTING.

Announced at Saloniki That Conflict With Bulgars Starts.

Saloniki, June 2.—Fighting between Greek and Bulgarian soldiers near Demar Hissar and the bombardment of two Bulgarian cities by allied aeroplanes are announced by the military authorities.